MICHIGAN'S 'ONE COURT OF JUSTICE' IMPROVES WEB PRESENCE; NEW WEB ADDRESSES IN EFFECT TODAY

LANSING, MI, February 13, 2002 – Web sites launched today by the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office, and Michigan Judicial Institute will make it easier to access information about Michigan's "One Court of Justice," the Supreme Court has announced.

"Our goal is to help the people of Michigan have more and better information about the legal system," said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. "One way of realizing that goal is to make that information available, and easy to find, on the Web."

In October, the Court debuted a web page (http://courts.michigan.gov/.) featuring links to the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals, state trial courts, and the State Court Administrative Office. Today's development marked the second phase of web site restructuring, explained Marcia McBrien, Public Information Officer for the Michigan Supreme Court.

"The new sites linked to the 'One Court Of Justice' web page now have a consistent look and clearer organization," McBrien said. The web sites also feature roll-down menus, making it easier for users to navigate the linked pages, she stated.

Michigan laws, court rules, and educational resources, such as the Supreme Court Learning Center, which includes special programs for children studying the justice system, are featured on the "One Court of Justice" web page. A wide variety of court forms are also available on-line for use in civil cases, adoption, garnishment, landlord and tenant, personal protection orders, small claims, trusts and estates, and many more types of legal matters.

New web addresses include:

Michigan Supreme Court: http://www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt State Court Administrative Office: http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao

Michigan Judicial Institute: http://www.courts.michigan.gov/mji